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In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A composition comprising:
- (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
 - (b) at least one nonionic surfactant;
 - (c) a chelating agent selected from the group: sodium, potassium, lithium, ammonium and substituted ammonium salts of ethylenediaminetriacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetrapropionic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, N-hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid, oxydisuccinic acid, iminodisuccinic acid, ethylenediamine disuccinic acid, triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, ethanoldiglycines, propylenediaminetetraacetic acid, methylglycinediacetic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,5-diaminopentanoic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid and 2-hydroxy-3-aminopropionic-N,N-diacetic acid, or derivatives thereof;
~~group alkali metal, ammonium and substituted ammonium polyacetates, carboxylates, polycarboxylates and polyhydroxysulfonates;~~
optionally (c1) a precipitating builder selected from the group potassium carbonate and potassium oxalate;
 - ~~optionally~~ (d) an effective amount of a propellant;
 - (e) water; and
 - (f) ~~optionally~~ one or more further optional components selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, hydrotropes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and corrosion inhibitors.
- 2.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is an alcohol ethoxylate.

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3.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the nonionic surfactant is a mixture of alcohol ethoxylate and amine oxide.

4.(canceled)

5.(currently amended) The composition ~~The compositions~~ according to claim 1 wherein (c) chelating agent is selected from disodium ethanoldiglycinate and tetrasodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

6.(canceled)

7.(currently amended) A composition comprising:

- (a) at least one cationic surfactant having germicidal properties;
- (b) a nonionic surfactant mixture comprising alcohol ethoxylate and amine oxide;
- (c) a chelating agent selected from the group: sodium, potassium, lithium, ammonium and substituted ammonium salts of, ethylenediaminetriacetic acid, ethylenediaminetetrapropionic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, nitrilotriacetic acid, N-hydroxyethylethylenediaminetriacetic acid, oxydisuccinic acid, iminodisuccinic acid, ethylenediamine disuccinic acid, triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, ethanoldiglycines, propylenediaminetetraacetic acid, methylglycinediacetic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, N,N,N',N' tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,5-diaminopentanoic acid, N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid and 2-hydroxy-3-aminopropionic-N,N-diacetic acid, or a derivative thereof;
~~group alkali metal, ammonium and substituted ammonium polyacetates, carboxylates, polycarboxylates and polyhydroxysulfonates;~~
- optionally (c1) a precipitating builder selected from the group potassium carbonate and potassium oxalate;
- ~~optionally~~ (d) an effective amount of propellant;
- (e) water; and

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(f) one or more optional components selected from coloring agents, fragrances and fragrance solubilizers, viscosity modifying agents, pH adjusting agents and pH buffers including organic and inorganic salts, hydrotropes, anti-spotting agents, anti-oxidants, preservatives, and corrosion inhibitors.

8.(canceled)

9.(currently amended) The composition ~~The compositions~~ according to claim 7 8 wherein (c) chelating agent is selected from disodium ethanoldiglycinate and tetrasodium salt of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid.

10.(canceled)

11. (canceled)

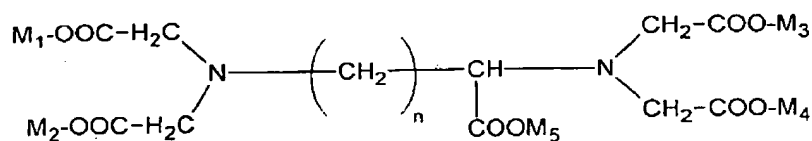
12.(previously presented) A process for the removal of stains from hard surfaces which comprises the step of applying an effective amount of the composition according to claim 1 to a hard surface needing such treatment.

13.(new) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the chelating agent is ethylene diamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid.

14.(new) A composition according to claim 7 wherein the chelating agent is ethylene diamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid.

15.(new) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:

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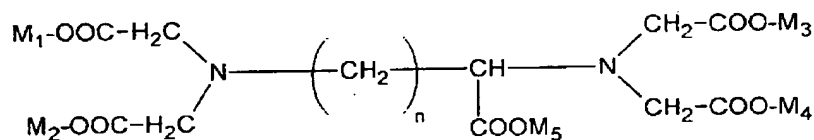


wherein:

n represents a number from 1 to 6,

each of M^1 , M^2 , M^3 , M^4 and M^5 independently represent: a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, or an ammonium group an ammonium group substituted by 1 to 4 organic groups.

- 16.(new) A composition according to claim 15 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

n represents a number from 2 to 4,

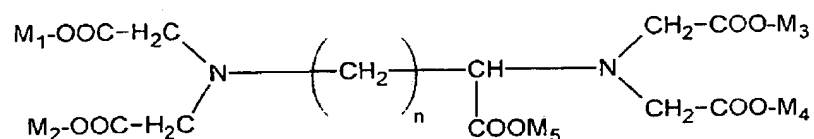
each of M^1 , M^2 , M^3 , M^4 and M^5 independently represent a hydrogen atom or a sodium atom.

- 17.(new) The composition according to claim 15 wherein the chelating agent is selected from: pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N' -tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, the pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N' tetra (carboxymethyl) -2, 5-diaminopentanoic acid, and the

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pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid.

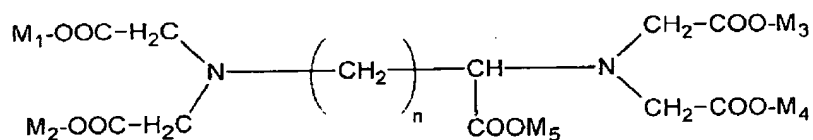
- 18.(new) A composition according to claim 7 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

n represents a number from 1 to 6, each of M¹, M², M³, M⁴ and M⁵ independently represent: a hydrogen atom, an alkali metal, or an ammonium group an ammonium group substituted by 1 to 4 organic groups.

- 19.(new) A composition according to claim 18 wherein the chelating agent is represented by the following formula:



wherein:

n represents a number from 2 to 4,
each of M¹, M², M³, M⁴ and M⁵ independently represent a hydrogen atom or a sodium atom.

- 20.(new) The composition according to claim 18 wherein the chelating agent is selected from: pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N'-

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tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,6-diaminohexanoic acid, the pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N' tetra (carboxymethyl) -2, 5-diaminopentanoic acid, and the pentasodium or tetrasodium salts of N,N,N',N'-tetra(carboxymethyl)-2,4-diaminobutyric acid.